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This is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 14, 2002.
Reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully solicited in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 2, 3 and 6 as indicated on the attached marked up version of the claims.

Please cancel claim 7.

Please add and consider new claims 15-18, as shown on the attached clean and marked up versions of the claims.